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*Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine*  
*2015*



*Commencement Ceremony*  
*Georgia Campus*



*Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine*  
*School of Pharmacy*  
*welcomes you*  
*to the*  
*Commencement Ceremony of the Georgia Campus*  
*honoring*  
*the Class of 2015*



*Doctorate in Pharmacy*  
*Friday, May 29, 2015*  
*11:00 A.M.*  
*Grand Ballroom, The Gwinnett Center*  
*6400 Sugarloaf Parkway*  
*Duluth, Georgia*



## *The Star-Spangled Banner*

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*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

*Francis Scott Key  
September 1814*



# Program

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## \*Fanfare and Processional

Faculty Marshals ..... Yun Bai, Ph.D.  
Sam John, Pharm.D.

## \*Invocation

Chief Campus Officer, GA-Campus ..... R. Bryan Ginn, Jr.

\**The National Anthem* ..... Nathan Greenfield  
Pharmacy Class of 2015

## Introduction

Dean and Chief Academic Officer,  
Pharmacy Program, GA-PCOM ..... Mark P. Okamoto, Pharm.D.

## Welcome

President and Chief Executive Officer ..... Jay S. Feldstein, D.O.

## Remarks

Chairman, Board of Trustees ..... John P. Kearney

Mayor of Suwanee ..... The Honorable James "Jimmy" Burnette, Jr.

Provost, Senior Vice President for  
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Presentation of Candidate for Honorary Degree ..... Dr. Feldstein

Conferring of the Degree ..... Dr. Kearney

## Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Victor A. Yanchick, Ph.D.

Dean Emeritus, School of Pharmacy, Virginia Commonwealth University

Address ..... Dr. Yanchick

## Presentation of Candidates

for Degrees in Course ..... Dr. Okamoto

Conferring of the Degrees ..... Dr. Feldstein

*Doctor of Pharmacy*

Oath of a Pharmacist ..... Dr. Okamoto

\*Benediction ..... Mr. Ginn

\**America, The Beautiful* .....

\*Recessional .....

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\*The audience will please rise.





## *Georgia Campus Overview*

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Established in 1899, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) is one of the nation's oldest osteopathic medical institutions and a multidisciplinary, multi-campus health science educational institution. The College is comprised of a main campus in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a branch campus, Georgia Campus – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (GA-PCOM), located in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia (Suwanee, Gwinnett County). GA-PCOM was established in 2004.

PCOM offers the doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) degree and joint DO/MBA, DO/MPH, DO/PhD, DO/MS and DO/MSc degrees, as well as graduate programs in biomedical sciences; clinical, counseling, and school psychology; organizational development and leadership; physician assistant studies and forensic medicine.

GA-PCOM offers the DO degree, the doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) degree at the PCOM School of Pharmacy and graduate programs in biomedical sciences and organizational development and leadership. GA-PCOM maintains a focus on recruiting and educating students from Georgia and the surrounding states who will provide healthcare and public health/leadership services in the Southeast post graduation.

GA-PCOM is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (Georgia). The College and its branch campus are accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100 Chicago, IL 60503-4810, 312/664-3575, fax 312/664-4652, [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org).



## *Commencement Speaker*

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**Victor A. Yanchick, Ph.D.  
Dean Emeritus, School of Pharmacy  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Executive Director,  
Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care**

Victor A. Yanchick, Ph.D. served as Dean and Professor of the School of Pharmacy at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) from July 1, 1996 until his retirement on July 1, 2014. Upon his retirement, he was named the Senior Executive Director of the Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care at VCU.

Prior to his appointment at VCU, he served for eleven years as Dean and Professor of Pharmacy at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy. He began his academic career at The University of Texas at Austin as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutics and rose through the ranks to full professor having held several administrative positions including Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Executive Associate Dean.

Dr. Yanchick earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy and a Master of Science degree in Hospital Pharmacy from the University of Iowa. He also completed one of the first ASHP-accredited residency programs in the United States at the University Hospitals in Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Yanchick received his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1968. While at Purdue University, he taught the first clinical pharmacy course at the school. He also initiated the clinical program at The University of Texas at Austin and was responsible for developing the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at UT San Antonio and UT Austin.

Dr. Yanchick was named Distinguished Alumnus both from Purdue University School of Pharmacy and from the College of Pharmacy at the University of Iowa. In 2001, he was elected to the National Academies of Practice and holds membership in a number of national professional organizations. He has published many articles in the areas of geriatrics and gerontology, authored four book chapters, and has given over 250 invited presentations to professional groups and conferences. He has supervised the M.S. or Ph.D. programs of 20 graduate students.

Dr. Yanchick received the Parenteral Drug Association Research Award twice - once for his work on drug/plastics interactions and the other for his work on the use of low molecular weight dextrans in endotoxic shock.

Dr. Yanchick has a longstanding involvement with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). He was appointed as a member of the AACP's Commission to Implement Change in Pharmacy Education and served three separate terms on the AACP Board of Directors. Dr. Yanchick was elected Chair of the Council of Deans of this organization in 2005 and in July 2008 was inducted as President of the AACP.

Dr. Yanchick has been a major force nationally in promoting curricular reform and has been a leader locally and nationally in promoting geriatrics and interprofessional education. He is married to the former Donna Bush and has two sons, Jeffrey and David, and one daughter, Jill Ann, and seven grandchildren. His two sons and one daughter-in-law are graduates of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and he had the pleasure of teaching two of them while at OU. For relaxation, he enjoys watercolor painting, gardening, and country music and is a Class A racquetball player.



## *Awards*

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*We* congratulate all of our award recipients for their distinguished academic performance and service to the College and community.

**2015**

### **DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

#### **WOLTERS KLUWER HEALTH AWARD IN EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence (top 25% of class academically) as well as superior verbal and written communication skills.

**Kacie Lauren Speed**

#### **NATURAL MEDICINES COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE GRADUATION AWARD**

Awarded to a graduating student who has exhibited some interest and expertise related to natural medicines, including efforts to minimize adverse effects due to inappropriate use, and to encourage an evidence-based approach to natural medicines.

**Michelle J. Hwang**

#### **TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA STUDENT AWARD**

Awarded to a graduating student who has consistently demonstrated exceptional professional qualities and high scholastic achievement.

**Sarah Elaine Williford**

#### **MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS EXCELLENCE IN PHARMACY AWARD**

Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated high professional motivation, academic excellence, and the intent to enter practice upon graduation.

**Janine Jun**

## *Awards*

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### **LILLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Awarded to a graduating student who has displayed superior scholastic and professional achievement, desirable qualities of professional leadership, and ethical conduct.

**Linda Kamakuru**

### **DEAN'S AWARD**

Awarded to a member of the graduating class who by personal and professional conduct and contributions to student affairs and the general PCOM-GA Campus School of Pharmacy has been deemed worthy of special recognition.

**Nathan Greenfield**

### **PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH AWARD**

Awarded to the graduate who is recognized for excellence in research in the area of pharmaceutical sciences.

**Marie Kathleen Bozman**

### **PHARMACY PRACTICE RESEARCH AWARD**

Awarded to the graduate who is recognized for excellence in research in the area of pharmacy practice.

**Nathan Greenfield**

### **APPE STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Awarded to the graduate who is recognized by preceptors and faculty for demonstrating excellence during advanced pharmacy practice experiences.

**Marie Kathleen Bozman**

## *Awards*

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### **GEORGIA CAMPUS-PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PHARMACY STUDENT AWARD**

This award recognizes the graduate who has attained the highest scholastic average.

**Brittney R. Oster**

### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated exceptional leadership characteristics, high academic achievement and the ability to effectively represent the class in college and community affairs

**Nathan Greenfield**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated exceptional service to the PCOM community and local community.

**Sonali Barkat Dinani**

### **JOHN C. KERMODE AWARD**

In memory of John C. Kermode, Ph.D., this award was established to commemorate his career at GA-PCOM. Dr. Kermode lived his life educating future generations of researchers, physicians, and pharmacists with exemplary joy, compassion and kindness. Awarded to the student who best demonstrates genuine sincerity, compassion, positive attitude, and willingness to help and motivate others.

**Jis Karathedethu Joseph**







*Degrees in Course*

*May 29, 2015*



## *Degrees in Course*

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### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

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Garfield, NJ

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Hoschton, GA

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Villa Rica, GA

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## *The Mace and the Baton*

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Georgia Campus – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's academic processions are led by the bearer of the College mace who precedes or accompanies the president of the College. The bearers of the mace and baton serve as marshals of faculty.

The medieval mace was first a protective device for the clergy who were not allowed to carry swords. Later, maces became ceremonial and are carried today in the Houses of Parliament in England and also in the United States House of Representatives where, when in position to the right of the Speaker of the House, it is a symbol of his or her authority.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's original mace and baton were designed by Paul T. Lloyd, D.O. '23, and created by William F. J. Ryan of New York, a member of the Academic International D'Heraldique. The mace and baton were presented to the College by the Alumni Association in 1972. Faculty marshals in all academic processions since that time have carried them.

The mace and baton were replicated for GA-PCOM by Henry Hopkins, III, a silversmith of Baltimore, Maryland. They were formally presented to President Matthew Schure on May 14, 2009, by Paul Evans, D.O. '79; H. William Craver, III, D.O. '87; Gary H. Watson, Ph.D.; and the Alumni Association of PCOM, whose generous contributions made the replication of the mace and baton possible.

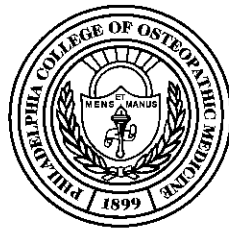
A sphere with a golden crown tops the mahogany staff heralding sovereign authority of the College to grant academic degrees by virtue of the powers given it by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Engraved on the sphere is the caduceus, the symbol of medicine. The caduceus represents the staff of Aesculapius, the Latin name for Askelepios, the Greek god of medicine, son of Apollo and the nymph, Coronis. A snake is entwined on the staff's branch because the serpent was held sacred to the gods and was an early symbol of medicine.

Three coats of arms appear on the upper of the two hexagonal modes: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (directly beneath the caduceus), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Philadelphia (the locale of the College since its founding in 1899). PCOM's coat of arms is engraved on the top of the marshal's baton, a symbol of authority in keeping with the title and office held by the marshal.

The metallic elements of the mace, to wit the hexagonal modes and the globe, are bronze-based with heavily-plated rhodium. The coronet is gold-plated and the staff is South American mahogany.

## The College Seal

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The College seal first appeared in 1925 embossed on the cover of *The Synapsis*, the College's first yearbook. Volume One of *The Synapsis* was published by the junior class of Philadelphia College of Osteopathy in honor of the graduating class of 1925. The first seal incorporated the College motto *mens et manus*, "mind and hand." The seal's origin is unknown, as is its designer.

In 1938, Edgar O. Holden, D.O. '22, dean of the College from 1924-1943, and Russell C. Erb, Ph.D., associate dean from 1937-1943, proposed and designed a coat of arms. The coat of arms appeared for the first time in the 1938 alumni magazine and featured a heraldic design that applies to the osteopathic profession. The three triangles are symbolic of the three segments of the vertebral column, which has a significant part in the science of osteopathic medicine. The hand emerges from a noble crown indicative of the regal aspect and dignity, as well as the healing powers of the human hand when applied to the art and science of osteopathic medicine. The College motto was retained and the coat of arms was utilized as the College seal in various motifs through the mid-1980s.

An adaptation of the first College seal was re-introduced in 1986. Today's College seal, similar to the original, was adopted following the College's Centennial Celebration in 1999.

The seal features a centrally-placed shield within which are shown a scroll and a flaming torch of knowledge. Immediately above is the College motto, reflecting the College's osteopathic origin. Uppermost and arranged in a radial pattern are streaks of solar brilliance. Separated from either side of the shield are branches of laurel joined and bound together at the center, close to the base of the shield. These components exemplify teaching, learning and the attainment of knowledge leading to successful careers in the health care professions. The name of the College and the year of its founding encircle the seal.

## *The Academic Costume*

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The history of academic costume originated in medieval times and stems from the early days of the oldest universities. It is thought that long gowns were first worn for warmth in the cold lecture halls. And hoods may have covered the tonsured head (shorn crown) of priests and monks who made up the faculty. One university insisted on the tonsure for scholars. The hoods were replaced by the skull cap, which in turn was displaced by a headgear somewhat like that worn today.

The faculty and students of European universities still wear a diversity of academic regalia. However, in 1893, a United States intercollegiate commission dictated a uniform code which has been accepted by most American colleges and universities.

The commission devised three types of gowns and three types of hoods for the bachelor's, the master's and the doctorate degrees. All gowns are black except for the associate in arts degree which is gray.

The bachelor's gown features pointed sleeves and is worn closed; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve and may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctorate degree has bell-shaped sleeves slashed with three velvet bars. The front of the gown is faced with velvet and is worn either open or closed.

The colorful hoods are lined with silk in the color or colors of the institution granting the degree (PCOM's colors are maroon and gray). In addition, the hood is trimmed with velvet facing representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted: white for arts, letters or humanities; golden-yellow for science; purple for law; lemon-yellow for library science; sapphire-blue for commerce or business; light blue for education; brown for fine arts, dark blue for philosophy; green for medicine—the color of life and growth (Fellows of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons wear hoods trimmed with crimson) The length of the hood varies according to the degree: short for the associate and bachelor's degree, medium for the master's and long for the doctorate.

Mortarboards are generally recommended for caps; although soft, square-topped caps are permissible. Tassels may be black or gold and are usually gold for the doctorate degree. While there is no rule for the position of the tassel, many colleges and universities (including PCOM) request the candidates to wear the tassel on the right side and to shift it to the left at the moment the degree is awarded.

## *Oath of a Pharmacist*

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"I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public."

## *America, The Beautiful*

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*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!*

*Katherine Lee Bates*





